

## Muller & Rhoads

Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

### Great Bargains in Paris Underwear

Once a year we go over our French hand-made and hand-embroidered Underwear stock and MAKE REDUCTIONS on garments that are ever so slightly mussed from display on the tables, &c.

The garments are in no way injured—a little soap and water will make them as good as new.

This year's reductions are more extensive than usual, because we have a bigger stock.

Some of the garments are as low in price as the domestic machine-made Underwear.

A few of the reduced prices noted below:

CHEMISE, \$2, \$2.50; were \$3 and \$3.50.  
KNEE SKIRTS, \$3.50, \$4; were \$7 and \$8.  
LONG SKIRTS, \$10.50; were \$12.50.  
GOWNS, \$4, \$4.25; were \$5 and \$5.50.  
CORSET COVERS, \$1.75, \$2; were \$2.25 and \$2.50.  
DRAWERS, \$2, \$3.50; were \$2.50 and \$4.50.

## BALTIMORE MAN FOUND DEAD UNDER TRESTLE

Probably Drowned in Swollen Stream Near Elko on Wednesday Evening.

### SUICIDE THEORY DISCUSSED

Said to Have Been Acting Strangely for Some Time Recently.

Lying beneath a little trestle about one mile west of Elko, a station twelve miles from Richmond on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, the body of Thomas E. McDowell, of Baltimore, was found yesterday morning by a track-walker, who went over his beat at about 7 o'clock. There were no marks on the body to indicate that it had been struck by a train.

Officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Dr. J. Palmer Bright, acting coroner of Baltimore, are of the opinion that Mr. McDowell was drowned, perhaps a long way above the trestle.

The fact that the body was directly under the trestle and not to the side, and that a great deal of water ran out of the lungs, seem fully to substantiate this theory.

Registered at the Jefferson. The supposition is that he was walking along the river bank after the heavy rain on Wednesday evening, and in some way fell in. The creek was very much swollen, and it is probable that he got beyond his depth. He was drowned in his shirt sleeves, and when found, had his coat gripped in his right arm. Nothing in his pockets had been disturbed.

When found the body was almost covered with water, and was resting on the bottom. The suicide theory has also been discussed, but as mere conjecture.

Mr. McDowell had been in the city since May 6th. He registered at the Jefferson Hotel, but gave no address. On his person there was found \$30 and some small change. He also wore badges showing that he was a member of the Masons, a Knight of Pythias, and a Shriner. He also had a watch and other valuables. At the hotel he left his suit case, which contained some clothes and a little jewelry. Apparently he was not in the city on any business. In fact, it was stated yesterday that he had never visited a young lady whom he was soon to marry. This statement, however, could not be verified.

The body was turned over to an undertaker, and the man's people in Baltimore were notified. It was expected to take the remains to that city after the inquest is held.

Strange Actions. The badges found on Mr. McDowell showed that he was a member of the Master Mason, Union Lodge No. 60, A. F. and M. S., Concordia Chapter No. 1, F. and M. S., Crusaders' Commandery No. 5, K. of P., and Bount Temple, A. A. O. M. S. D. During his stay in the city, Mr. McDowell had been acting rather queerly, and it is thought that perhaps his mind might have been slightly unbalanced. The following was received last night from Baltimore:

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## RANSACKED ROOMS BUT MADE NO FUSS

While Family Was Downstairs Thief Was Busy on the Second Floor.

### MANY ARTICLES ARE MISSING

Mystery as to Time Robbery Occurred and How Man Got Into the House.

In spite of the fact that the house was full of people all day, the residence of Mrs. J. M. Handley, No. 103 East Clay Street, was entered some time yesterday afternoon, it is thought, and the second story was literally plundered. Late last night Mrs. Handley and the rest of her household were in such a state that it was impossible for them to say just what the loss was, but it included clothes, jewelry and other articles which the thief could get away with without making an undue amount of noise.

People in House. Mrs. Handley herself was in the house all day, except between 2 and 3 o'clock, when she went out on a visit. No one seems to have the slightest idea when the robbery occurred, as it was not discovered until about 6:30 o'clock. At that time Mrs. Handley noticed that it was impossible to get into the house from the front door. Upon investigation she found that most of the articles of value in that part of the house were missing, Miss Handley losing an entire suit besides other things.

Second only to the mystery as to the time the house was entered, is the method by which the thief got into the place without detection. Mrs. Handley says the back door was closed and the gate to the high back fence was locked.

Front door was unlocked, as it generally is. Throughout the morning and afternoon there were several people in the front rooms of the basement and in the parlor, the door to which opens within a few feet of the front door.

Police at Work. As soon as the robbery was discovered it was reported to the police. An investigation was made, but no clue had been found last night. Both the police and the members of the household are confident that the thief is one who is well acquainted with the lay of the land and the habits of the family.

### WAIVES EXAMINATION

Slayer of Hinfeld Goes to Hastings Court Without Preliminaries.

Walter C. Butler, who shot and killed John Hinfeld on May 12th, waived examination in the Police Court yesterday morning. Justice Crutchfield certified the case to the Hastings Court and he will be the witness for appearance there on June 1. Mrs. Butler was not in court yesterday morning, but she is expected to appear after court over Dr. W. S. Gordon, the jail physician, and Dr. E. Conroy, who obtained permission to examine Butler as to his mental and physical condition with a view to applying for his release. The examination was over the prisoner was returned to his cell. Application for bail will probably be made to Judge Witt this morning.

### BUILDING CODE

Will Be Presented to Council Committee at Meeting To-Night.

Three matters of general interest are scheduled for consideration by the Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, which meets at 8 o'clock to-night. The building code will be presented, having been completed by the commission in whose hands it has been resting for some weeks past. The document is voluminous, covering about 100 pages of close typewriting. The plan has the endorsement of several builders, contractors and architects who served on the commission. The ordinance regulating bill-posting will also come up again.

### MAY CHANGE LOCATION

New Henrico Schoolhouse Will Probably Not Be Built at Varina Grove.

The school board of Varina District, Henrico County, is considering the advisability of changing the location of a new schoolhouse to be built at Varina Grove. The school board is considering the advisability of changing the location of a new schoolhouse to be built at Varina Grove. The school board is considering the advisability of changing the location of a new schoolhouse to be built at Varina Grove.

## CRITICS PRAISE WORK OF SELF-TAUGHT ARTIST

Beauty of Painting by Brother Constantine, Who Has Never Taken Course of Training, Arouses Admiration of His Friends.

LOVERS of art in Richmond are looking forward to the public exhibition of a new painting just completed by Brother Constantine, of the Xaverian Brothers, who with remarkable skill and fidelity, has made a reproduction of Hoffman's well-known picture of "Christ Among the Doctors." For more than six months past the young artist has labored over this work, which stands on a canvass five by seven and a half feet.

The utmost care has been taken to reproduce exactly the rich coloring of the Oriental scene in the original.

In the center of the group, with a simple white robe and belt of broad gold, is the boyish figure of the twelve-year-old Christ, while on either side are the doctors, their expressions showing pleasure, interest and wonder at the intelligence with which the child is asking and answering their questions. Especially successful is the copying of the clear face of the boy, the shadowy lines of the neck and throat, surrounded by the clear eyes and high forehead, making the brilliant center, back of which may be seen the bearded, aged faces of the doctors of the law, wrinkled with years of thought and study.

Remarkable as it may seem, brother Constantine, several of whose reproductions have before been admired by art critics of Richmond, has never taken any course in painting, but from his native talent and personal experiment has gathered the skill which enables him to present so successfully a scene so rich in color. Of Flemish and Scotch extraction, the young churchman comes of an artistic family, one member having already attained considerable note as a portrait painter.

Engaged daily in the work of teaching in St. Peter's School, brother Constantine has had but little opportunity

Final Exercises Held Last Night and Medals and Diplomas Awarded.

### DR. HODGES MAKES ADDRESS

School Doing Fine Work and Proving Valuable Investment for City.

The closing exercises of session 1907-'08 were held last night in the school auditorium of the Virginia Mechanics' Institute, the president of the board, Mr. W. J. Whitehurst, presiding, and welcoming the large audience with appropriate words. The Superintendent, Frank W. Duke made interesting statements concerning the conduct of the work of the school. He said that the increase in the number of those present was 58 per cent more than last year, and that this had been accomplished with an increase of only 25 per cent. In the city appropriation for expenses.

The three factors in the teaching at the institute are regular classes, the library and the public lectures. With its twenty-two teachers, its well selected 3,000 volumes, and its well known public lectures, which, from time to time, appear, the Virginia Mechanics' Institute is making a good return to the city for its investment. During the session 548 students were enrolled.

At the recent National Conference of Chautauques a motion picture was shown for the more complete and more practical education of the boys and girls who are to make citizens in the future. It is the endeavor of this night school of technology to provide a practical education for practical men and adapt its work as closely as possible to the needs of the individual.

### Dr. Hodges Speaks

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Members Facing Prospect of Occupying Cells, Make Haste to Improve Them.

### GOING TO BUY HOSPITAL

Time for Action, Not Argument, Judge Declares—Term Begins on July 20th.

Twenty-five perspiring Councilmen gathered in the anteroom of the Hastings Court yesterday morning while Judge Turpin and City Attorney Henry R. Pollard went for a preliminary interview with His Honor, Judge Witt, to discuss the proposed purchase of the City Jail. The judge wanted to hear an argument, but Judge Witt said it was a time for action, not argument.

"Tell the City Fathers to go down there and patch the leak in the jail roof, and have the place whitewashed, and then come back here on July 20th. If the building isn't in apple-pie order I will see that enough rooms are furnished with bedding at the jail to accommodate the whole Council," said the court or words to that effect.

Judge Turpin took no part in the proceedings. He said he merely came by to get points on how a civil court was run, whereupon Judge Witt referred him to the Hon. John Jeter, who is to be the judge of the court.

City Engineer Bolling was there, but Jail Physician Gordon wasn't. Therefore the whole blame was thrown on the jail physician, of which there isn't a word to be said.

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Theatre Again Plunged in Darkness During Performance by the Giffen Company.

### SCENE VERY REMARKABLE

Police Commissioner Led Great Audience in Old Refrains, and Nobody Left Place.

For a second time during this season the underground current of the Passenger and Power Company ran amok last night and plunged the Academy of Music into pitchy darkness in the midst of a performance by the Giffen Company.

The play this time was "When We Were Twenty-One," and a crowded house was witnessing a splendid production, when suddenly the lights fell complete. Players stopped and auditors grew restless. As too much or too little fire is apt to make a theatre crowd